

Readoption Review

Vision Acuity Testing; Modified Clinical Technique 410 IAC 3-1.1

IC 4-22-2.5-3.1(c) requires an agency to conduct a review to consider whether there are alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the rule that are less costly or less intrusive, or that would minimize the economic impact of the proposed rule on small business.

Description of Rule:

The Vision Acuity Testing Modified Clinical Technique rule consists of procedures and standards for the testing of vision acuity, refractive error, ocular health, and binocular coordination. This rule also provides qualifications for eye health care professionals. Under this rule, all school corporations shall conduct an annual visual test, using the modified clinical technique, of children when they enroll in either kindergarten or grade one unless an eye care professional requests, in writing, that the child not be tested.

Readoption Analysis:

- 1) **Is there a continued need for this rule?**
Yes, this rule is essential for applying uniform standards related to visual testing to school corporations across the state. It also outlines the eye health care professional qualifications for the visual tests.
- 2) **What is the nature of any complaints or comments received from the public, including small business, concerning the rule or the implementation of the rule by the agency?**
The MCH Division has not received any complaints about the rule.
- 3) **Examine the complexity of the rule, including difficulties encountered by the agency in administering the rule and small businesses in complying with the rule.**
The MCH Division has not encountered any difficulties administering this rule and this rule has no or limited impact upon small businesses.
- 4) **To what extent does the rule overlap, duplicate, or conflict with other federal, state, or local laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances?**
This rule was promulgated jointly with the state board of education and also appears at 511 IAC 4-2-1.1.
- 5) **When was the last time the rule was reviewed under this section or otherwise evaluated by the agency, and the degree to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed in the area affected by this rule since that time?**
The last readoption filed was May 22, 2007. Technology, economic conditions and other factors have not changed significantly in the area affected by this rule since it was readopted.